

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

HELLSTERN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/567,299

FILED: FEBRUARY 6, 2006

FOR: PREPARATION OF SOMATOSTATIN PEPTIDES

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS

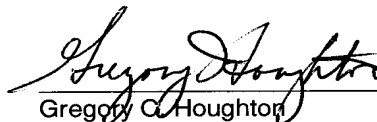
Sir:

On March 4, 2008 we filed a Petition for Extension of Time and an Amendment in the above patent application receiving an Acknowledgment Receipt bearing EFS ID No. 2946583. We request that you remove these documents from the record as they are erroneous in that they state that the response was due on January 12, 2008 and requested a 2 month extension. The original Office Action was dated October 12, 2007 with a 1 month response due date, making the response due November 12, 2007, not January 12, 2008. Thus a 4 month extension is required. Being filed simultaneously with this request is another Petition for Extension of Time and Amendment showing the correct dates.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Patents Pharma
One Health Plaza, Building 104
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Date: March 5, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory C. Houghton", is written over a horizontal line.

Gregory C. Houghton
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 47,666
Phone No. (862) 778-2614